

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 2 has been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 2. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,504,782 to Campbell, Jr. in view of U.S. Patent 5,495,186 to Kanazawa et al. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has found claims 2-7 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claim 1 has been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1 and 3-7, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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